

Pastor Kent's Miller Avenue Church Newsletter for November 2022

Dear Church Family,

Today Katie and I were at the church (Monday the 24th) putting up two new banners in the chapel. While there I had a chance to talk with Chevonne, the director of the Little School, now in her fourth year. We talked about the 3 beautifully redone school rooms, the new bathrooms, lighting, and much more. She mentioned that they are going to work on the kitchen next, and soon we will have a really great kitchen. No cost to us. Then we went outside, and she said that they were ready to put in turf grass on the whole of the back playground, like in the inner place behind the front fence, and they already had all the money. I said, "Go for it." Then they want to replace the old fences all around, and yes, they have the money already. Then she thanked me for having the far-left wall of the chapel painted and looking nice, and so she had all the trees trimmed down all along the property line. Down the wonderful walkway one third of the students enter the Little School. The weight of contemplating this big and expensive job has been weighing me down for a couple of months now, the present conditions were dangerous with the various wires caught up in the trees, and with winter coming on, it was always on my mind. But to today I breathed a big sigh of relief. I see it as the miraculous hand of God.

Now to add to the fun it appears we have carpenter ants at minimum, and maybe other crawly critters in the ceiling space over the balcony where the filming equipment is. I will be looking in a few minutes for an exterminator.

Happy to announce that Rebeka is moving into the front office.

By the time most read this I will be done with football, but our head coach asked me to be special teams coach next year. I probably will, and I probably will not coach baseball this coming year, and this due to many factors.

Our work continues apace despite Covid. Both Katie and I had it, mine lasted longer, but we are in the clear now. We just praise God we apparently didn't get long Covid, which can last years. We missed a couple weeks of being in the television studio, but back on for November 3.

Katie has three more days of radiation, last day will be the 2nd. Will I ever be glad. Our dear Laurelle is not faring well. I tried to visit yesterday, the 29th, but it was not possible. Ingrid is having to carry a load, so please pray for both mother and daughter. Maggie Moore is hanging in there as is Jack Chung. I confess one of my failures the last few weeks has been not being there for people, and this because of Covid, the radiation, the football, and my own inability to move forward as I would like. Hoping to come out of this period of depression, however slight it is.

The deliverance ministry is picking up, and I do not know whether to be sad or glad in this regard. It is so very important and also so very taxing. It is time consuming and stressful, yet this is what we are called to.

Instead of presenting a church history course as Richard and I thought earlier, we will study the paradoxes of the Bible, and it will be the subject of my new book, "The Paradoxes of the Bible." It is essentially a study of core Biblical theology. We will begin this course the 1st Sunday in December, during our lunch time.

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